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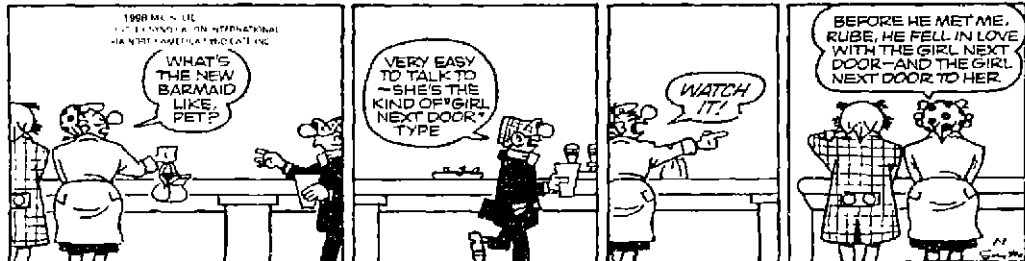
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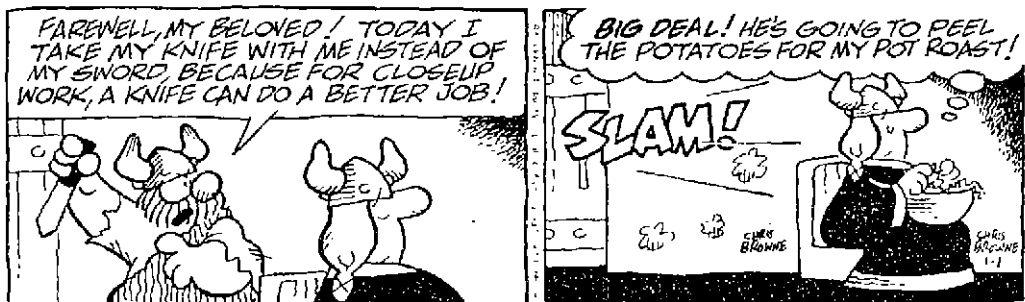
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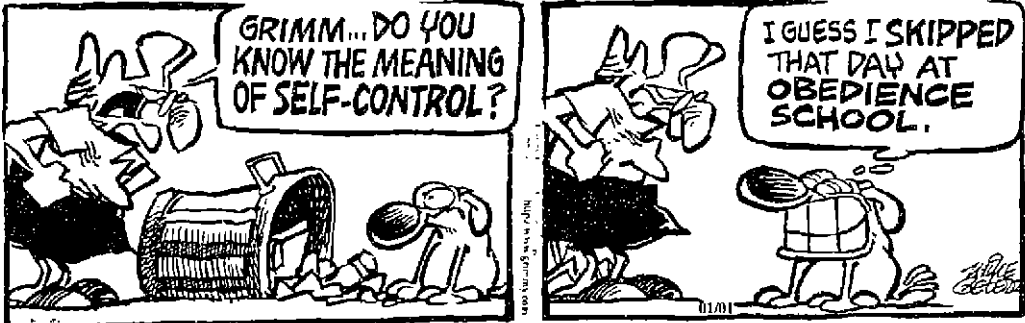
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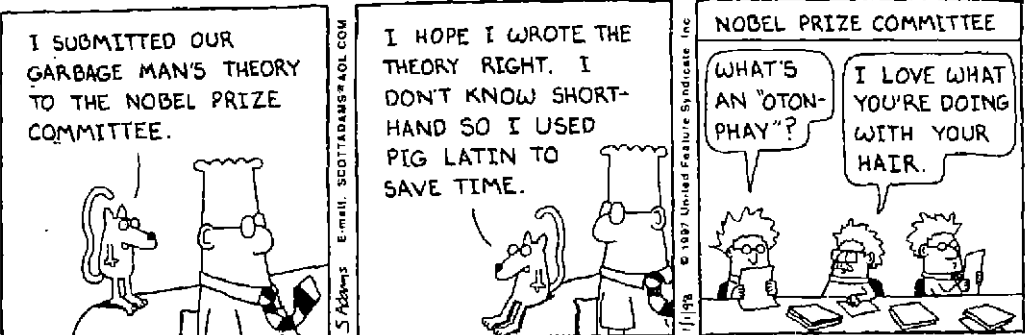
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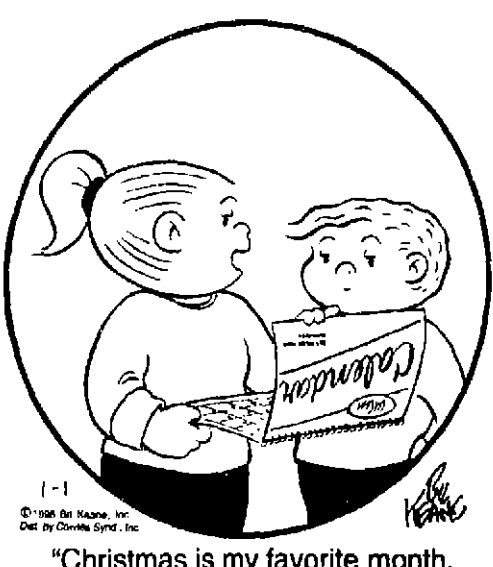
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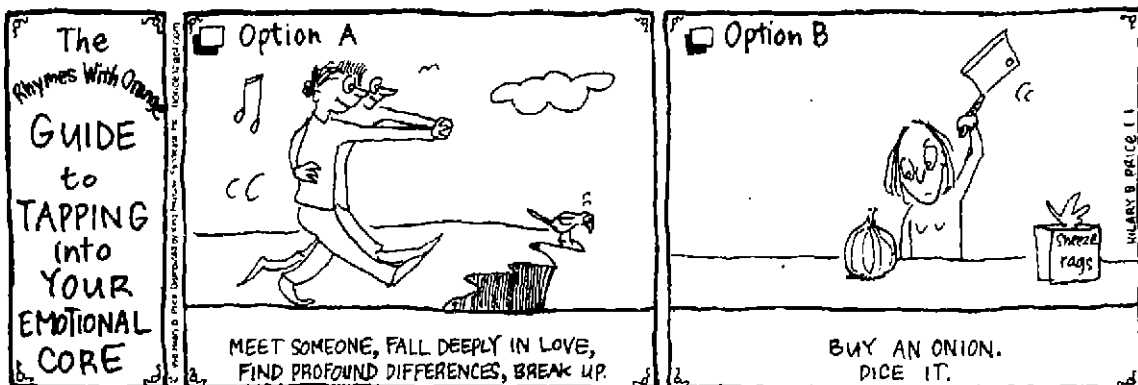
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Jan. 2, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're more than happy to resume a somewhat normal routine. Answer correspondence.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You can't seem to let go of that resentment against someone you think has slighted you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It is a good day for tending to financial matters. Overdue bills should take precedence.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) In the morning there's a bit of a frantic dash to get things done. However, you spend the afternoon in quiet meditation.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A little arithmetic tells you you've overspent on holiday gifts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're not quite ready to say farewell to the holidays. However, your mate has had more than enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're ready for some new challenges. Tackling them cures that sense of restlessness you have experienced lately.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Unfortunately for you, there's one more round of parties to attend over the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're pressing someone too hard to make a decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You don't always have to say yes to be popular.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You need to bring some more organization into your life. Get rid of all those papers and things you don't need.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Someone's mysterious behavior stirs your curiosity. Your intuition helps you get to the bottom of the matter.

RALPH



"Being understood won't be a problem. Ralph can say 'Do you speak English?' in seven languages!"

WORD SLEUTH

NHL Rookies of the year

W D Z W T O N K E R H D A X U
R P M J G F D V E R X A X V S
V O N K I O O T R F U D A X V
T I O O M R U O F L E B J H F
C A C T A S E T H N I R Y W U
R P N K T B L I C I M U J H Y
F D A B E E Z S T V E E X S V
T M R Q O R L O E T L D S M K
I H F D B G S P E O O O Z Y W
V T R Q O N L S L P B R K I H
F D E N N A L E S C A B T Z X

Wednesday's unlisted clue: CROWN
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: BOBBY -

Belfour	Esposito	Makarov	Suter
Bossy	Forsberg	Plett	Trotter
Brodeur	Leetch	Potvin	Vickers
Bure	Lemieux	Selanne	

For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Make no comment when dummy appears: mentally review the bidding; develop a plan before playing to trick one. Test yourself with today's deal.

Yesterday, had West led the club queen. South would win in dummy and begin planning at trick two. Today South makes his plan. Here are his thoughts. West's opening bid and East's silence place all the high cards with West. With both heart honors off-side, South cannot avoid losing two hearts and a club. Therefore, South's mission is to avoid a diamond loser. If South wins the first club in dummy and draws trumps, he will lose the game. East's 10 will win the third club, and three rounds of hearts finish South. He takes a winning diamond finesse, but when West's king doesn't drop under dummy's ace, South is down one. To succeed, South must concede his club loser early. He ducks in dummy, and West leads another club to dummy's king. South cashes two high trumps and, when East discards, cashes dummy's remaining club. After he draws West's last trump, he wins a diamond finesse to dummy's queen and cashes the ace. When West's king doesn't drop, South concedes a diamond to West. West must yield a ruff and sluff or lead a heart. Either way, South has his game-going trick.

NORTH

♠ 10 8 7 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ A K 5

WEST

♠ J 6 2
♥ A Q 6
♦ K 6 3
♣ Q J 9 7

EAST

♠ 4
♥ 10 9 7 3 3
♦ 10 9 8 2
♣ 10 8 2

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 9 5
♥ K J
♦ J 5 3
♣ 6 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

The bidding

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Club queen

BRIDGE RESULTS

The Bridge Studio: Saturday evening, first, Mike Walsh, Cornelia Yoder; second, Fran LeBoeuf, Cameron Ross; Sunday afternoon, first, David Hemmer, Anna Timell; second, Ron Dewey, Bill Foster; Sunday evening, first, Howie Cring, Cornelia Yoder; second, Bill Barrington, Larry Sunser, Monday morning, first, Carl Brown, Claude Henri; second, Barbara Lorenz, Janet Sinclair, Monday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Julie Sunser; second, Bill Barrington, Larry Wafut; Tuesday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Paul Peters; second, Carl Banick, Charlotte Morseburg; Friday morning, first, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon; second, Doug Lyon, Milt Rosenblum; Friday evening, first, Bob Seymour, Julie Sunser; second/ third, Sharon Ausman, Allene Huntley; Larry Wafut, Cornelia Yoder.

Concord Aces: 1 NS, Laura Distin, Norma German; 2 NS, Dot Joiner, Sally Wright, 1 EW, John Guislap, Fran McCarthy; 2 EW, Joel Davis, Harold Epoch

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in Confederate states were free.

On this date:
In 1797, Albany became the capital of New York state, replacing New York City.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, died of a drug and alcohol overdose en route to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

In 1958, treaties establishing the European Economic Community went into effect.

In 1959, Fidel Castro led Cuban revolutionaries to victory over Fulgencio Batista.

In 1984, the breakup of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1990, David Dinkins was sworn in as New York City's first black mayor.

In 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

BORN TODAY: Former Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., is 89. Author J.D. Salinger is 79. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 76. Jazz musician Mill Jackson is 75. Actor Frank Langella is 58. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 56. Writer-comedian Don Novello is 55. Country singer Steve Ripley (The Tractors) is 48. Rapper Grandmaster Flash is 40. Actress Dede Pfeiffer ("Cybill") is 34.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1120

ACROSS

1 Construct
5 Meadow sounds
9 Barbara's "A Star Is Born" co-star
13 "The Good Earth" heroine
14 Runs while sitting
16 Cassio's rival
17 Benchmark
18 Hotel employee
19 False locks
20 Cheesy TV comedy?
23 Witch's potential meal
24 A mean Amin
25 Cheesy TV cop show?
32 Doo-wop syllable
35 Floor model

36 Change
37 Chirac's state
39 Country singer
41 Sunni, e.g.
42 1970 Tony winner for "Applause"
45 Harsh words
48 Locomobile contemporary
49 Cheesy TV comedy?
52 Back, in a way
53 Muss up
57 Cheesy TV detective show, with "The"?
62 Clue
63 South African province
64 TV knob
65 Toilettes case
66 One of the Titans

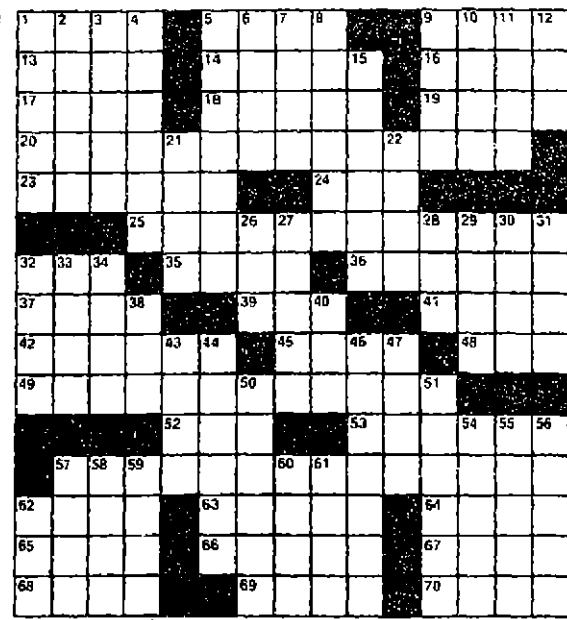
67 Jim Davis canine
68 Member of a traditional establishment
69 First name in TV comedy
70 Russo of "Outbreak"

DOWN

1 Calendar page
2 Sandwich
3 Islands greeting
4 Tangle up
5 Oyster, e.g.
6 Classic Rodin sculpture
7 Start of a Shakespearean title
8 Daem appropriate
9 Bird whose males incubate the eggs
10 Epitome of thinness
11 Rock singer
12 Urgent call
15 Sports facilities
21 Pooped
22 Peeve
26 Signal booster
27 Circus noises
28 Speculations
29 Tack, in a way
30 "— homo"
31 "How to Make an American Quilt" author Whitney —

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LACED INTO ISLE
EVADE NOON SHED
AURAL NONE RAFT
FLAMERESISTANT
EST ERES RETIE
DESSERT OILIER
SPOUSAL ESS
BEAUBRIDGES
AMA TEARSUP
LOCALE STSIMON
ANKLE TYPE TRY
SWEETHEARTIDEAL
SOAR ROAC OUTTO
PORT ARTE TENON
ANDS ROSS STARS



32 Corporate concern
33 Bryce Canyon locale
34 Defensive spray
38 Flat hat
40 Welcome site
43 Outdoor party
44 Scale holder
46 Aft
47 One who leads class struggle?
50 "Foul!"
51 Swain
54 Water park sight
55 Order of — (bygone award)
56 Larder of cosmetics
57 Romance writer's award
58 Load to bear
59 Bathroom cabinet item
60 Oklahoma native
61 Big name in mapmaking
62 Cabinet acronym, once

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